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DEPT PASS TO KIRK MACONAUGHEY, EPA

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SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ

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1. SUMMARY. SCICOUNS AND STAFF MET WITH MESSRS. HASHIMOTO  
(DIRECTOR-GENERAL, AIR QUALITY BUREAU, ENVIRONMENT AGENCY);  
YONEDA (2ND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS DIVISION, ECONOMIC  
AFFAIRS BUREAU, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS); AND KATO  
AND IMURA (INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
AGENCY) ON JANUARY 19. SUBJECT DISCUSSED WERE: OECD  
SCHEDULING OF UP-COMING MEETINGS ON TOXIC CHEMICAL  
SUBSTANCES; FEBRUARY 21 OECD EXPERTS MEETING IN WASHINGTON  
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AND PROPOSED JAPANESE ATTENDANCE; FEBRUARY VISITS OF  
MRS. ALICE BRANDEIS POPKIN AND KIRK MACONAUGHEY OF  
EPA. ALSO DISCUSSED AS A SEPARATE SUBJECT WAS JAPANESE  
RESPONSE TO THE PCB CONTAMINATION CONTROL INQUIRY FROM  
EPA (REF D). END SUMMARY.

2. DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING THE CONTENTS OF

REF A WERE CONVEYED TO MR. HASHIMOTO WITH STRONGEST ASSURANCES OF COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF JAPANESE FISCAL AND GEOGRAPHIC CONSTRAINTS IN ATTENDING SUCH CLOSELY SCHEDULED MEETINGS. HASHIMOTO NOTED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A LETTER DIRECTLY FROM RODERICK AT OECD WHO FELT OBLIGED TO SAY, IN ESSENCE, THAT IT IS NOW TOO LATE TO RESCIND CURRENT OECD MEETING SCHEDULES. EMBOFF WAS GIVEN COPY OR RODERICK LETTER. (FYI: LETTER WAS DISPATCHED A DAY OR TWO BEFORE PARIS RECEIPT OF STATE CABLE EXPRESSING DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.) EMBOFF STRESSED U.S. CHRONOLOGICAL DEADLINES IMPOSED BY TSCA AND ALSO INTERLOCKING AND PROGRESSIVE MOMENTUM OF MEETING TOPICS. DISCUSSION ENDED WITH HASHIMOTO'S ASSURANCE THAT HE NOW CONSIDERED THE ENTIRE SUBJECT A CLOSED ISSUE, AND THAT HIS CONCERNS HAD BEEN ANSWERED TO HIS SATISFACTION.

3. GOJ PROPOSED DELEGATE TO WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 21 OECD TESTING EXPERTS MEETING IS TOSHIO YAMASHITA, DEPUTY TO DR. MASAMI FUJII OF THE HEALTH INVESTIGATION OFFICE. FUJII UNABLE TO ATTEND. MESSRS YONEDA AND KATO EMPHASIZED THE STILL TENTATIVE NATURE OF THIS NOMINATION. SHOULD HE ATTEND THEY BELIEVE HE IS IN NO POSITION TO CO-CHAIR THE PERSISTENCE/BIODEGRADATION (P/B) GROUP IN DR. FUJII'S ABSENCE BECAUSE OF LACK OF EXPERIENCE IN OECD CHEMICALS GROUP ACTIVITIES. GOJ HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT THE GERMAN CO-CHAIRMAN IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF UNCLASSIFIED

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ANOTHER WORKING GROUP AND HAS INDICATED HE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO CHAIR THE P/B GROUP. MESSRS YONEDA AND KATO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT LACK OF A QUALIFIED CHAIRMAN COULD BE A SERIOUS DEFECT IN FUNCTIONING OF MEETING. ADDITIONALLY, THEY POINTED OUT THAT AN INTERPRETER WITH TECHNICAL COMPETENCE FOR THE MEETING MAY BE REQUIRED SINCE YAMASHITA'S ENGLISH COULD PROVE TO BE LIMITED. THE QUESTION OF AN INTERPRETER WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER IN MOFA, BUT MAY NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AGAIN WITH U.S. SIDE. OTHER PROPOSED JAPANESE DELEGATES TO THE FEBRUARY 21 MEETING ARE STILL UNNAMED BUT WILL PROBABLY BE A) AN EXPERT MITI OFFICIAL, B) A UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR AND C) A JAPANESE WASHINGTON EMBASSY OFFICIAL.

4. THE LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER TIME-FRAME PROPOSED FOR THE 3RD JOINT PLANNING AND COORDINATION MEETING UNDER THE BILATERAL ENVIRONMENT AGREEMENT POSES NO DIFFICULTY AT THIS TIME. THIS TOPIC WILL BE FURTHER DISCUSSED WITH MACONAUHUEY UPON HIS ARRIVAL HERE. PLANNING FOR MACONAUHUEY'S VISITS TO LABORATORIES IS BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY.

5. REGARDING THE VISIT TO MRS. POPKIN, THE JAPANESE HAVE UNDERSTOOD THE PURPOSES AND TIME CONSTRAINTS OF THE VISIT AND WILL MOVE TO FULFILL STATED DESIRES AND OBJECTIVES. A COURTESY CALL ON EA DIRECTOR-GENERAL YAMADA MAY BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE SINCE THE DIET WILL BE IN SESSION AT THAT TIME. DR. IMURA OF EA WILL ASSIST IN COORDINATING THE SCHEDULE WITH MACONAUGHEY.

6. INFO WAS REQUESTED ON PRIORITY BASIS CONCERNING PCB CONTAMINATION OF HYDRAULIC FLUIDS. (REFPLY WAS OBTAINED FOLLOWING DAY AND IS BEING SENT BY SEPTTEL).

7. AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING MESSRS KATO AND YONEDA REVERTED AGAIN TO THE SUBJECT OF THE CLOSELY SCHEDULED UNCLASSIFIED

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OECD TOXIC SUBSTANCES MEETINGS. THEY OFFERED OPINION THAT OECD SECRETARIAT WOULD EXPERIENCE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY, DUE TO SHORTAGE OF STAFF, IN PREPARING DOCUMENTS FOR EACH SUCCESSIVE MEETING, CONSIDERING THEIR CLOSE SEQUENCE. IF DOCUMENTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE ON TIMELY BASIS, JAPANESE SAY THAT THEY WILL BE HANDICAPPED IN THEIR PARTICIPATION, SINCE THEY RELY HEAVILY ON WRITTEN RECORD TO INCREASE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS TRANSPIRING. MANSFIELD

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